

POLICY

It is the policy of the Michigan Department of Human Services Bureau of Juvenile Justice (BJJ) that any youth undergoing detoxification with abnormal vital signs is transferred to a hospital.

PURPOSE

This policy ensures appropriate medical care for youths.

DEFINITIONS

See JRG, JJ Residential Glossary.

**RESPONSIBLE
STAFF**

Designated in the facility standard operating procedure.

PROCEDURE

Each facility is required to develop and implement standard operating procedures (SOPs) relative to monitoring youth who have ingested alcohol or other drugs and those youths who are suffering withdrawal symptoms that indicate a potential medical crisis. At a minimum, these SOPs must contain the following requirements:

**Youth under the
Influence**

Youths who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol are constantly observed by trained staff and separated from the general population.

**Youth
undergoing
Detoxification**

Youth undergoing detoxification should be treated as ordered by a physician.

Youths who have abnormal vital signs during the withdrawal process must be taken to a hospital.

Monitoring

Monitoring of youths is done at fifteen (15) minute intervals and recorded.

AUTHORITY

Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.115a(1)(l)